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cc: Lynn
Paul

January 12, 2011

Lynn Kunzler
State of Utah
Department Natural Resources
Division of Oil, Gas and Mining
1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210
Box 145801
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

RE: Reclamation Completed, NorthStar Energy LLC,
Vipont Mine, S/003/0035, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Kunzler:

Per our conversation today, please see the attached MR-SITE requesting a release of \$13,600.00 the Division currently holds a reclamation surety on. The total surety is \$18,600.00. The Division will hold \$5,000.00 pending revegetation for 3 growing seasons. NorthStar Energy LLC was formerly known as Aurora Oil & Gas Corporation.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Rebecca L. Abbott".

Rebecca L. Abbott, CPL
Director of Land

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Cc: John Coates, John Hopkins, Julie Schlecker and Kathy Dungey of NorthStar.

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Application for Site and/or Bond Release

Operator/Permittee: NorthStar Energy LLC fka Aurora Oil & Gas Corporation	
Mine/Project Name: <u>Vipont</u>	
File Number: <u>S/003/0035</u>	
Check One: <input type="checkbox"/> Large Mine <input type="checkbox"/> Small Mine <input type="checkbox"/> Exploration	
Check one: <input type="checkbox"/> Partial Release of a <u>portion</u> of the mine site: Acres to be released: _____ Acres Remaining: _____ Specify Area: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Full Release of a <u>portion</u> of the mine site: Acres to be released: _____ Specify Area: _____ (A new map will need to be provided for the Notice or plan removing the released area from the disturbed or bonded area.) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Partial Release of entire mine site: Total Acres to be released: _____ (Backfilling and grading are completed) <input type="checkbox"/> Full Release of entire mine site: Total Acres to be released: _____ (Vegetation is established and has survived three growing seasons.)	
Amount of Existing Surety: <u>\$18,600.00</u>	
Amount of Surety requested for release: <u>\$13,600.00</u>	
Reason for Bond Release Request: <u>Reclamation work completed and inspected by State of Utah.</u>	
Complete this section if the money released from this application is to be used as surety for future disturbance. Release bond on: _____ Acres (specify area) _____ Apply Bond to: _____ Acres (specify area) _____	
Check Applicable Boxes	DESCRIPTION of RECLAMATION ACTIVITIES COMPLETED (Describe any variance(s) that have been granted, date activity completed)
Wells Plugged / shafts sealed	
Disposal of debris & other materials incident to mining	

	Drainages, reestablished & stable	
	Structures demolished / removed	
	Regrading Completed – Slopes, pits, highwalls in stable condition	
	Meets Postmining Land Use (Indicate Landuse)	
	Roads Reclaimed	
	Dams, Impoundments, Ditches, Pits reclaimed	
	Topsoil respread – amendments added	
	Erosion Controlled	
	Vegetation meets 70% of premining cover and has survived three years for full bond release – or has survived one year growing season to maintain small mine status.	Per Lynn Kunzler, 1/12/11, \$5,000 will be held until 2012 to make certain the revegetation has survived at least 3 growing seasons.

I hereby certify that I am a responsible official of the applicant and that the information contained in this application is true and correct to the best of my information and belief in all respects with the laws of Utah in reference to commitments and obligations, herein.

John Coates
Print Name

John Coates, V.P.
Sign Name, Position
January 12th, 2011
Date

Return to:

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June 30, 2010

Mark Wilson
Northstar Energy, LLC
4110 Copper Ridge Drive, Suite 100
Traverse City, Michigan 49684

Subject: Reclamation Completed, Northstar Energy, LLC., Vipont Mine, S/003/0035, Box Elder County, Utah

Dear Mr. Wilson:

On October 14, 2009, the Division sent a directive to Aurora Oil and Gas Corp. requiring reclamation of the referenced mine. This letter is to officially notify you that the required work has now been completed. On June 7, 2010, Division Inspector, Lynn Kunzler inspected the site and found that the demolition and grading work had been completed to Division standards. Seeding was completed that day.

The Division will keep the file open on this site until the revegetation is determined successful. Vegetation cover in the reclaimed area needs to be at least 70% of the cover in nearby undisturbed areas, and it must have survived at least three growing seasons. For this project, the third growing season would be the summer of 2012.

The Division currently holds a reclamation surety of \$18,600.00. You may request a partial release at this time, using form MR-SITE available on the Division's web site at <http://ogm.utah.gov/minerals/MINERALSFORMS.htm>. The Division would retain a portion of the bond for potential revegetation work until the revegetation is determined successful.

Please contact me at 801-538-5261 or Lynn Kunzler at 801-538-5310, if you have questions about this letter or if you need additional information.

11/2/11
\$18,600 still on hold @ Utah.
Release \$13,600, Fill MR-SITE.
\$5000 held until 2012
Refund TAXES 2-3 weeks
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Sincerely,

Paul B. Baker
Minerals Program Manager

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